

OUTER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 2022

PRESENT: Councillor R Finnigan in the Chair

Councillors M Foster, W Kidger, L Mulherin,
O Newton, K Renshaw and J Senior

28 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

29 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There was no exempt information on the agenda.

30 Late Items

There were no late items.

31 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations. With reference to Agenda Item 9, Local Plan Update, Councillor Finnigan informed the Committee that he was a Member of City Plans Panel and South and West Plans Panel.

32 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors D Chapman, B Gettings, S Golton, C Hart-Brook and A Hutchison.

33 Minutes - 26 September 2022

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 September be confirmed as a correct record.

34 Open Forum

In accordance with the Community Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to 10 minutes for members of the public to make representations or ask questions within the terms of reference of the Community Committee.

On this occasion no members of the public wished to speak.

35 Age Friendly Leeds Strategy & Action Plan 2022-2025

The report of the Director of Public Health presented to the Outer South Community Committee the refresh of the draft Age Friendly Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2025 to gain feedback. The report also requested support and promotion of the work of Age Friendly within the city.

Robina Ahmed, Advanced Health Improvement Specialist and Liz Griffin of the Older People's Forum were in attendance for this item

The Community Committee were provided with the following points:

- Around 1 in 3 people are aged 50 and over. The number of Leeds residents aged 80 and over will increase by about 50% in the next 20 years.
- Age Friendly Leeds is one of the eight priorities in the Best Council Plan 2020-2025. The vision for Leeds is that it is a place where people age well, older people are valued, respected, appreciated and seen as assets.
- The draft Age Friendly Leeds Strategy 2022-25 has been reviewed and refreshed. The process has been overseen by the Age Friendly Board whose role was to provide strategic leadership and set the strategic direction for the Age Friendly Leeds work programme and ensure that the objectives are being met.
- Leeds is a member of the World Health Organisation Age Friendly Cities programme and has used and adapted the framework to identify and address barriers to the well-being and participation of older people.
- The strategy sets out six key priority areas: housing; public and civic spaces; travel and road safety; active, included and respected; healthy and independent ageing and employment and learning. Each of the priorities was headed by a domain lead. Domain leads have been identified and are working to implement the actions set out in the plan. The domain leads will feedback on a quarterly basis.
- The Leeds Older Peoples Forum (LOPF) gave practical ways for the local community to become involved to strengthen the age friendly approach and Councillors were invited to support and encourage people and businesses to get involved in:
 - The Age Friendly Ambassador Programme
 - Becoming a Dementia Friend
 - Age and Dementia Friendly Businesses
 - The Come in and Rest Scheme
 - Leeds Older People's Age Friendly Steering Group
- Members were informed of various schemes and opportunities that were available for supporting people with dementia. There were schemes that businesses and other organisations could support such as the 'Come in and Rest' scheme which would provide people with a warm place to sit and rest without an obligation to buy and Dementia Friends training which was available to all. There was also the Age Friendly Ambassador Scheme which was aimed at those with an interest in promoting age friendly initiatives. Further information was available on the Age Friendly Leeds website.

In response to comments and questions, the following was discussed:

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to be held on Monday, 13th March, 2023

- The Age Friendly Steering Group focussed mainly on those aged 50 and above.
- Involvement and role of Neighbourhood Networks.
- Concerns regarding public transport and difficulty with obtaining Blue Badge parking within the City Centre. These issues would be raised with the travel connection steam.
- The need for Neighbourhood Networks to receive funding from Adult Social Care and the NHS.
- The need for funds for the strategy to be successful.

RESOLVED –

1. That the report and the refresh of the Age Friendly Strategy be noted.
2. That the work currently underway to support age friendly, winter planning and the cost of living crisis in local areas and how these could be built on together be noted.
3. That the needs of the local ageing population and how these needs can be addressed through local age friendly work be noted.

36 Local Plan Update Public Consultation

The report of the Policy and Plans Group Manager provided the Committee with a brief synopsis of the Local Plan Update public consultation for general promotion and to seek input from Members and residents on any further engagement and to raise awareness and encourage participation in the consultation.

Caroline Harris, Planning Assistant presented the report.

It was reported that the consultation would run until 19th December 2022 and in light of the declaration of the Climate Emergency it had been prioritised to update and amend existing policies and add new policies to reduce carbon reduction in development and reduce the impacts of climate change.

There were a series of policies that helped to address the climate emergency and issues highlighted included the need to reduce carbon in new developments; best use of green and blue infrastructure; links to health and wellbeing; minimising flood risk; ensuring development was accessible with access to services and amenities; and development of sustainable infrastructure.

In response to Members comments and questions, the following was discussed:

- Place making and the development of twenty minute communities – it was acknowledged that this was limited by proposals from developers and could not be made available for everyone. Developers were asked to consider the twenty minute community with access to services such as schools, shops and health provision.

- The next stage of the consultation would look more directly at the spatial strategy including where to develop new homes and employment and how areas could be supported to grow. Where there was lots of development, services would follow due to demand.
- It was felt that the Site Allocation Plan undermined the policies relating to the Climate Emergency and reference was made to recent developments at Haigh Wood and Capitol Park which had been developed on greenbelt land and did not have any facilities.
- Concern that planning contributions offered by developers were not delivered.
- It was reported that the new and revised policies would be more robust and enable future sites to be more sustainable.
- Concern that existing policies were not strong enough and that too many planning applications got passed that were not policy compliant.
- The reasons behind the declaration of Climate Emergency and an encouragement to participate in the consultation to enable officers and Members to make better recommendations to address the concerns.

The recommendation outlined in the report was moved and seconded and subsequently voted against. An alternative recommendation was made and voted upon.

RESOLVED – That the Community Committee take the Climate Emergency declaration seriously and recommend that the Site Allocation Plan be re-visited particularly with regard to the allocations within greenfield sites.

37 Outer South Community Committee Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships brought Member's attention to work which the Communities Team was involved in based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provided opportunities for questioning or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

Kimberly Frangos, Localities Officer presented the report.

The following was discussed:

- The Chair welcomed the Leeds 2023 hosts to the meeting. The Committee was given an update which had including working with community groups, ad arts and charitable organisations to see what facilities existed within local communities and what kind of celebratory events could be facilitated. Members were asked to highlight any further organisations or ideas.
- Youth Summit – this would be held in February 2023 and preparation was ongoing with the Children & Families Sub Group and Outer South Youth Matters Group.
- The Committee heard from West Yorkshire Police with regards to water safety following the tragic event in Solihull. The police media team had been providing updates through social media and would also be doing so through schools and youth groups. Water safety work and training

was also carried out jointly with the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

38 Outer South Community Committee Finance Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget, as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2022/23.

Kimberly Frangos, Localities Officer presented the report.

The following was discussed:

- Wellbeing projects for consideration. Members were supportive of the following applications:
Morley Amateur Operatic Society - £2,572.60 requested towards the Christmas Pantomime. Members were supportive of this application.
- Monitoring information of applications funded by the Committee – reference was made to the Leeds Little Free Library project. Two libraries in each Ward had been completed and installed.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That details of the Wellbeing Budget position be noted.
- (2) That the following Wellbeing proposals be approved:
Morley Amateur Operatic Society - £2,572.60
- (3) That details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision be noted.
- (4) That details of the Youth Activities Fund be noted.
- (5) That details of the Small Grants budget be noted.
- (6) That details of the Skips Budget be noted.
- (7) That details of the Community Skips Budget be noted.
- (8) That details of the Capital Budget be noted.
- (9) That details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget be noted.

39 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday, 13 March 2023 at 4.00 p.m. Meeting to be held at Northfield Lane Community Centre.